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In Remembrance of Ronald P. Brown

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on January 9, 2022, removed from our midst *Ronald P. Brown* in whose death we have lost a loving father, uncle, brother, valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a leader, and kind a and devoted member; and

WHEREAS, Ronald P. Brown affectionately known as Ron, was born June 12, 1957, to the late Elder Peter J. Brown and Irene (Pellington) Brown in the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ronald relocated to Buffalo, New York in the late 1970s to obtain a higher education at SUNY Buffalo State College, where he received numerous degrees; and

WHEREAS, Ronald was united in holy matrimony to Dasha Curry in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, from this union, two children were born: one boy and one girl; and

WHEREAS, Ronald was also blessed with three more children: one girl and two boys; and

WHEREAS, Ronald held various pivotal positions throughout Western New York, from Chief Fiscal Officer for the Buffalo Sewer Authority to adjunct professor at SUNY Buffalo State College and private business owner for AccounTAX; and

WHEREAS, Ronald also served as an Executive Director for Friends of the Elderly and Commissioner for the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority. He sat on many boards throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Ronald believed in working hard, taking care of his family, giving to those in his community, but above all, he loved the Lord; and

WHEREAS, his love for Christ was expressed through the various positions in which he served at the churches he attended; and

WHEREAS, Ronald became a long-term member of Bethesda World Harvest International Church and was involved with the Youth and Young Adults Ministry of the church and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, he also served as CPA for Bethesda as well as a founding member of the Sterling Committee for the Sarah Minnie Badger Foster Care agency; and

WHEREAS, Ronald went on to become a faithful and dedicated member of Elim Christian Fellowship where he utilized his accounting expertise in assisting Elim in reconciling church accounts; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Board Member of the Elim Community Development Corporation and was instrumental in securing the funding necessary for the construction of the Elim Townhomes.; and

WHEREAS, to many members and clergy of the church, Ronald was viewed as a true servant-leader; and

WHEREAS, Ronald was exuberant in his praise and worship of God; and

WHEREAS, his love and concern for the membership was expressed by his service to many members as their tax preparer; and

WHEREAS, many remember Mr. Brown for his exceptional sense of Fashion and love of Art; and

WHEREAS, Ronald was also known as a "genius" by many; and

WHEREAS, no matter what problem or situation a person may have had, Ronald always had a solution; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Elder Peter and Irene Brown; brother, James Brown; sister Sharon (Gary) Drakes; brother, William Brown; and his twin-brother, Robert Brown; and

WHEREAS, Ronald's legacy will live on through loved ones who will cherish his memories including his children, Dana Brown, Tiandra Brown, Shannon Brown, Travis Brown, and Bryce Brown; siblings Olive Carr and Marsha Brown; nephew Earl "Black" Ferguson; best friends Mayor Byron W. Brown II, Darryl Denard, Michael Garner, Dave McGowan, and Waymond Windsor; and a host of other relatives, dear friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to the life of **Ronald P. Brown** whose lifelong dedication to God, family and community are an inspiration to be admired, emulated and honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of **Ronald P**. **Brown** and pause in its deliberations to recognize his praiseworthy life, his love of family and for his commitment and devotion to the betterment of our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature expresses its sympathy and condolences to Mr. Brown's family and to his many friends, knowing full well that he has received his eternal and glorified reward in Heaven, having heard the consoling words of the Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."